

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1 of the specification after the title of the invention and before the section labeled "Technical Field" insert the following section:

**"CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of co-pending US Patent Application Serial Number 09/499,321 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Tracking a Transaction Across a Multi-hop Network", filed on February 7, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein."